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Accipiter nisus : Namche Bazar (2 Apr), Pangboche (18 Apr),
nr. Phorcha (9 May), nr. Ghat (27 May).

Aquila chrysaetos : Both the western and eastern slopes
of Sangasoti Danda (Ridge) at 1830 m (27°38' N
⁵³85°46' E) and 2286 m (27°38' N 86°49' E) on
28-29 Jan (possibly the same bird); also nr.
Taksindhu (8 Feb). ⁵⁵

Cuculus canorus : Mostly heard, seen a few times.
Phorcha (10 May), nr. Thyangbocha (19 May), ⁵⁵
Base Camp (21-22 May), below Khumjung (25 May), ⁵⁵
below Namche Bazar at c 3650 m (27 May), Bung
⁵⁵ (4 June) - very common, Sorung (6 June), ⁶⁷ Phedi ⁶⁷
(7 June), between Pokhara and Dingla at c 1525 m
(8 June), Dingla (9-10 June), ⁶⁸ below Dingla at ⁶⁸
c 1220 m (11 June), Chainpur ⁶⁸ (13-25 June), below
Milke Bhanjang at c 2438 m (27 June). ^{68/69}

Cuculus saturatus : Phakding, Surkya ⁵⁵ (31 May), Puiyan ⁵⁵
(1 June), below Salpa Bhanjang at c 3050 m ⁶⁷
(6 June), between Phedi and Pokhara at c 1525 m
(7 June), between Pokhara and Dingla at c 1525 m
(8 June), Dingla ⁶⁸ (9-10 June), Chainpur ⁶⁸ (13-25 June),
Taplejung (29 June). ⁶⁹

Megalaima virens : Dingla ⁶⁸ (8-9 June), below Dingla at
c 1500 m (11 June), Chainpur ⁶⁸ (13-25 June),
between Chainpur and Nundhaki, c 1500-1830 m
(27 June), nr. bridge on Tamur R. between Sango ^{68/69}
and Taplejung at c 1525 m (28 June), below Khonga
at c 1830 m (1 July). ⁶⁹

Hirundo daurica : Below Bung, ⁵⁵ c 2440-1830 m (5 June),
Phedi (6 June), Dangmaya, Pokhara, ⁶⁸ c 1525-1555 m
(7 June), Baulia, ⁶⁸ Dingla, ⁶⁸ c 1525 m (8 June),
Dingla (9-10 June), Chainpur ⁶⁸ (13-25 June),
Tikhidhunga, ⁶⁸ Nundhaki, ⁶⁸ c 1525-2286 m (26 June),
Lukuwa, ⁶⁹ Tembe, ⁶⁹ c 2040-2135 m (27 June), Sango, ⁶⁹
Taplejung (28 June). ⁶⁹

- Pycnonotus leucogenys : Those (2-3 Feb)⁵⁶, Dingla (9-10) June)⁶⁸, eastern side of Arun R. opposite Sati Ghat (below Dingla) to Tumlingtar, c 800-762 m (11 June)⁶⁸, Khote (13 June)⁶⁸, Chainpur⁶⁸ and its upper reaches, c 1525-1800 m (13-26 June)⁶⁹, Sango, nr. bridge on Tamur R. on east bank (c 1525 m) below Taplejung⁶⁹ and Taplejung (28 June), nr. Kabeli R. below Taplejung at c 914 m and Angbung (29 June).
- Pycnonotus cafer : Banepa⁵³ (25-26 Jan)⁵³, Hukse⁵³ (26-27 Jan), Dolalghat⁵³ (27-28 Jan), Domre below Chyaubas at c 1400 m (28 Jan)⁵³, Risingo⁵³ (30 Jan), both banks of Tamur R. about bridge between Sango and Taplejung (28 June).⁶⁹
- Copsychus saularis : Kathmandu-Banepa-Hukse-Dolalghat⁵³ (late Jan), bank of Dudh Kosi R. below Taksindhu⁵³ (8 Feb), Pokhara-Dingla-Khote-Chainpur (7-26 June)⁶⁸, western face of Singalila ridge below Khongn (1 July).⁶⁹
- Saxicola torquata : Banepa-Hukse-Dolalghat⁵³-below Risingo at c 1150 m (late Jan), Those-below Chyangma at c 1737 m (3-5 Feb).⁵⁴
- Niltava sundara : Below Chyangma at c 1830 m⁵⁴ (5 Feb).
- Heterophasia capistrata : Western slope of Singalila ridge between Khonga and Phedi, also above Phedi,⁶⁷ c 2195-2462 m (1-2 July).
- Aegithalos iouschistos : Lamjura Bhanjang (6 Feb).⁵⁴
- Parus major : Between Manga Deorali and Kirantichhap on the bank of Charnawati Khola (31 Jan).^{53/54}
- Dicrurus adsimilis : Banepa-Hukse-Dolalghat-Risingo⁵³-Kirantichhap-Yarse-Those (26 Jan-4 Feb),⁵⁴ Phedi-Pokhara-Dingla (7-10 June)⁶⁸, Khote-Chainpur (12-25 June), Angbung (30 June).⁶⁹
- Dicrurus leucophaeus : Below Phedi at c 1825 m (7 June),⁶⁷ Dingla (9-10 June), Chainpur (12-25 June), below Nundhaki at c 1525 m (26 June).⁶⁸

Cissa erythrorhyncha : Milke Bhanjang (28 June). 68/69

Dendrocitta formosae : Between Phedi and Pokhara at c
1219 m (7 June), both sides of Tamur R. nr. 69
bridge between Sango and Taplejung (28 June). 68

Corvus splendens : Far too many localities to list.
As stated in report, in all villages (up to
c 1525 m alt) from Kathmandu east to Angbung
area in Kabeli Valley. 53, 54, 55, 67, 68, 69.

Corvus macrorhynchos : Kathmandu⁵² (21-25 Jan), Banepa⁵³
(25-26 Jan), Banepa-Hukse (26 Jan), Hukse-
Dolalghat (27 Jan), Dolalghat-Chyaubas (28 Jan),
Kirantichhap (31 Jan), Thos⁵⁴ (3 Feb), Chyangma
(4 Feb), Junbesi (6 Feb), Junbesi-Taksindhu
(7 Feb), Kharinkhola-Puiyan (9 Feb),⁵⁵
Chaurikharka (10 Feb), Namche Bazar (11-13 Feb,
7 Mar, 2 Apr, 9 Apr, 25 May), Base Camp
(15-17 Feb, 16 Apr, 8 May), Pangboche-Pheriche
at c 3934-4178 m large flock (18 Feb), Thammu
(7 Mar), Thami (7-8, 18, 24 Mar), Marlung (10-13
Mar), Langmoche (20 Mar), Pare (25 Mar-2 Apr),
Thyangboche (17 Apr), Pangboche (18 Apr),
Dingboche (19-23 Apr), Phalong Karpo (27-28 Apr),
Phorcha (10 May), Karnassa (10 May), Phakding
(28-30 May), Puiyan (1 June), Pankhoma (1 June),
Bung (4 June), Sorung (5 June), Phedi (7 June),
Dingla (9-10 June), Chainpur (13-25 June),^{67 68}
Nundhaki (26 June), Taplejung (28-29 June),
Angbung (30 June), Khonga (30 June), Phedi⁶⁹
(2 July).

Acridotheres tristis : About all human settlements
up to c 1830 m. 53, 54, 67, 68, 69

Passer domesticus : Generally in larger villages and towns
up to c 1520 m.

Passer montanus : Generally in smaller villages but co-exists
with Passer domesticus in many villages between
c 610 and 2140 m.

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Observation/collection localities with approximate altitudes and geographical co-ordinates (in addition to those listed in

J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc., 71 : 457-458; 1976)

Angbung (1219 m); 27° 16' N 87° 44' E
Arun Kosi R., east bank opp. Sati Ghat (671 m); 27° 21' N 87° 13' E
Banepa (1707 m); 29° 37' 30" N 85° 30' E
Bung (2743 m); 27° 30' 30" N 86° 50' E
Chainpur (1524 m); 27° 18' N 87° 20' NE
Chaurikharka (2400 m); 27° 42' N 86° 44' E
Chyangma (2134 m); 27° 34' N 86° 21' E
Chaubas (2184 m); 27° 37' N 85° 47' E
Dingla (1524 m); 27° 21' N 87° 09' E
Dolalghat (853 m); 27° 38' N 85° 43' E
Dudh Kosi R. below Taksindhu (1616 m); 27° 35' N 86° 41' E
Hukse (Lamadihi) (1372 m); 27° 39' N 85° 36' E
Junbesi (2835 m); 27° 34' N 86° 33' E
Kabeli R., north bank below and south of Taplejung (914 m);
27° 16' 30" N 87° 44' E
Kharikhola (2134 m); 27° 36' N 86° 44' E
Kbonga (2195 m; 'below Kbonga' 1555 m); 27° 14' N 87° 48' E
Khote (914 m); 27° 17' N 87° 16' E
Khumjung (3900 m); 27° 50' N 86° 43' E
Kirantichhap (1676 m); 27° 38' N 86° 04' E
Lamjura Bhanjang (2745 m); 27° 35' N 86° 30' E
Lukuwa (2440 m); 27° 20' N 87° 32' E
Monga Deorali (2317 m); 27° 54' N 85° 57' E
Milke Bhanjang (3050 m); 27° 18' 30" N 87° 30' E
Nundhaki (2286 m); 27° 18' N 87° 28' E
Phedi (1981 m); 27° 25' N 86° 59' E [6-7 June]
Phedi (2286 m); 27° 09' 30" N 87° 58' E [1-2 July]
Pokhara (1555 m); 27° 23' N 87° 03' E
Puyian (2957 m); 27° 39' N 86° 44' E
Risingo (1585 m); 27° 38' N 85° 53' 30" E
Salpa Bhanjang (3688 m); 27° 27' N 86° 57' E
Sango (2225 m); 27° 22' N 87° 36' E
Sorung (2743 m); 27° 27' N 86° 53' E
Surkya (2400 m); 27° 40' N 86° 43' E

Taksindhu (3050 m); 27°35'30" N 86°38' E
Tamur R. bank below Sango (1524 m); 27°23' N 87°38'30" E
Taplejung (2042 m); 27°21' N 87°41' E
Tembe (2135 m); 27°21' N 87°34' E
Those (1800 m); 27°35' N 86°16' E
Tikhidhunga (1830 m); 27°19' N 87°24' E
Tumlingtar (762 m); 27°17' N 87°14' E

Add :-

Baulia (1525 m); 27°23' N 87°06' E
Dangmaya (1525 m); 27°25' N 87°03' E
Karnassa (4250 m); 27°55' N 86°43' E
Langmoche (4200 m); 27°52' N 86°38' E
Thyangboche (4000 m); 27°50' N 86°46' E
Yarse (1525 m); 27°38' N 86°09' E